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**HOTELS AND SALOONS.**  
**OCCIDENTAL BAR,**  
Cor. of Fort and Government streets,  
**MARSHALL & LINCK**  
PROPRIETORS.  
The best WINES, LIQUORS, ETC., always on hand.  
**South Saanich Hotel,**  
PEPER LIND, PROPRIETOR.  
THE ABOVE NEW HOTEL IS now ready for the accommodation of Travelers, Sportsmen and the Public generally. The Table will always be supplied with The Best Market Affords.  
The Bar is stocked with a choice variety of LIQUORS, CIGARS, &c.  
For the accommodation of Persons going to Salt Spring Island, Cowichan, Chemainus, and other Places.  
A Boat will always be in readiness.  
**THE WILLOWS,**  
Three miles from Town, on the Cudbore Bay Road.  
THE ABOVE RESORT IS NOW COMPLETED for the reception of PIC-NIC PARTIES, DANCING ACCOMMODATION, SWINGS, Etc., Etc.  
Refreshments of every description. Wines, Spirits, Ales, Porter, Cigars, &c., &c.  
WILLIAM LOUDEN, Proprietor.  
**FRY'S HOTEL,**  
ARLINGTON FARM, NORTH SAANICH.  
THIS FAVORITE RESORT of Families, Merchants, Sportsmen, and Travelers generally, is now complete with every comfort and convenience, making it one of the most delightful spots on Vancouver Island. Visitors may depend upon every attention being paid to their wants and comfort.  
The Hotel is only 15 miles from Victoria, the road in good condition, and a stagecoach runs direct to the Hotel three days a week.  
A LARGE GARDEN, with abundance of Strawberries and other fruit.  
GOOD BATHING, and a BOAT kept for the accommodation of visitors, or those who wish to indulge in a day's fishing in the harbor, for which the harbor is famous. The Hotel is situated on a fine site, and the view of the harbor and mountains is superb.  
FERRY TO COWICHAN.  
Shawnaug, Chemainus, Saanich, or to the neighboring islands.  
There is a large Farm of 400 acres, enclosed within a fine fence, and every care will be taken of the crops and stock. The Hotel is situated on a fine site, and the view of the harbor and mountains is superb.  
**LUMBER!**  
BURRARD'S INLET MILLS!  
J. O. SMITH - Owner.  
THE UNDERMINDING, HAVING ACQUIRED THE AGENCY for the above Mills, has leased the WHARF AND YARD near the Rock Bay Bridge, where they will keep for sale a full assortment of ROUGH AND DRESSED LUMBER, FIR, SPRUCE, AND CEDAR.  
Very Lowest Market Prices.  
They will fill promptly Builders' and Contractors' orders for Rough and Dressed Lumber, cut and dressed to order, and for L. G. Flooring, either Fir, Spruce or Cedar.  
They are also prepared to contract for Cargoes, manufactured in order, and delivered either at Burrard's Inlet or at Victoria Harbor.  
Orders may be left at the Rock Bay Lumber Yard or at the Store, corner Port and Wharf streets.  
**DUNCAN & GEORGE.**  
Lawrence & Houseworth  
Opticians and Dealers in OPTICAL, Mathematical & Philosophical INSTRUMENTS, STEREOSCOPIC GOODS, PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS, CARTES DE VISITE, AND  
Jos. Rodgers & Sons' Superior Cutlery  
Have for sale the largest and best assortment of Cutlery in the Pacific Coast, to which they would call the particular attention of the public and the trade.  
Having unusual facilities for getting our goods from first hands, we feel confident that purchasers will really promote their own interests by selecting from our stock.  
A SEWING MACHINE, in a handsome Mahogany Case, quite new and in perfect working order, for sale at a low price.  
For particulars, apply at this Office.  
**The Royal**  
INSURANCE COMPANY,  
FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE.  
CAPITAL - Ten Million Dollars  
HEAD OFFICES, Liverpool, and London.  
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THE DIRECTORS HAVE APPOINTED the undersigned their agents for Vancouver Island and British Columbia, and will no longer be responsible for any loss or damage to property insured by them, unless the same shall have been reported to them by the undersigned, or by their agents, within the time specified in the policy.  
JAMES M. DOWD, Esq., Agent.  
637 Clay Street, San Francisco.  
March 25.  
**Land Agent,**  
STOCK AND SHARE BROKER,  
ACCOUNTANT.  
OFFICE ON GOVERNMENT STREET, Opposite Broughton Street.  
August 17th, 1864.

**FOR SALE - TO LET.**  
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THE TWO-STORY BRICK BUILDING  
-CALLED THE-  
**ROYAL HOTEL,**  
SITUATED ON WHARF STREET,  
-CONTAINING-  
**STORE,**  
-AND-  
TWELVE BED-ROOMS  
ABOVE.  
-ALSO-  
THE LARGE  
**Brick Store**  
ADJOINING.  
-ALSO-  
THE TAP,  
On Johnson Street.  
LONG CREDIT on a large portion of purchase money at a small rate of interest.  
Apply to  
MR. JOHN COPLAND,  
Solicitor, Langley Street.  
**TO LET.**  
The Handsome Three-story  
**BRICK HOUSE,**  
On Pandora Street,  
(Near the Synagogue), adjoining Mr. Copland's Residence.  
Apply to  
MR. COPLAND,  
Solicitor, Langley Street.  
**SAWMILL**  
AT SOOKE  
FOR SALE!  
THE MILL IS SITUATED ON THE Harbor of Sooke, and is in a fine condition and in a well timbered district. The privilege of cutting timber on an acre of land adjoining will be given. For particulars, apply to  
MR. MUIR, on the premises.  
Or, MR. DRAKE, Block A, Victoria.  
**Furnished Rooms.**  
TO RENT AT \$2.50 PER WEEK.  
Neatly kept and nicely furnished, over Smith's Bakery, Brick Building, third door from Brown Jug, on Jackson Street.  
M. R. SMITH.  
**TO BE LET.**  
THE ENTIRE UPPER STORY of the building on the corner of Douglas and View streets, either as a Dwelling House or Saloon.  
Possession given immediately.  
Apply to  
MR. CHURCHMAN,  
Government Street.  
**TO LET.**  
THE LARGE AND COMMODIOUS Two Story House on Fort Street, at present occupied by John Deane, Esq., possession given on the first of September.  
Apply to  
J. A. McCREA,  
Wharf Street.  
**Homesteads.**  
EVERY ONE OUGHT TO BE HIS OWN LANDLORD.  
**FOR SALE.**  
75 BUILDING LOTS IN THE MOST improving part of the City, being subdivisions of Suburban or-acre Lots, Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7, situate on Pandora, Blanchard, Cornsant, Quadra and Main streets.  
The Lots are situated in the heart of the city, surrounded by the finest buildings in Victoria, and constantly new ones going up.  
**TO LEASE OR FOR SALE.**  
CLOVER POINT, about five acres of fine ground, with Cottage.  
For particulars and terms apply to  
At the Restaurant of the St. Nicholas Hotel.  
N. B. Should buyers of any of the above Lots make immediate purchase, the purchase money can remain on Mortgage.  
**For Sale or Lease.**  
LOT 127 STORE STREET, ADJOINING Edgar & Ames' Warehouse, 60 feet frontage on Store Street, 200 feet deep with water privilege of 60 feet.  
Apply to  
C. JONES,  
864 Johnson St., near Cook.  
**FOR SALE.**  
A FARM, SITUATED ON THE WIL- Innette River, Oregon Territory, containing three hundred and thirty acres. Fifteen years under cultivation, with Orchards and fine Dwelling House, Barn, Outhouses, &c., will be sold at a very moderate price.  
For particulars, apply at this Office.  
**FOR SALE.**  
A FIRST CLASS STEAMER & BAKER A SEWING MACHINE, in a handsome Mahogany Case, quite new and in perfect working order, for sale at a low price.  
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**ROPER & CO.'S**  
COR. OF FORT & BROAD STREETS,  
Is the Best and Cheapest Establishment to Buy your Outfit  
**FOR THE MINES.**  
-VIZ.-  
4-point Blankets, Hudson Bay make \$6  
Moleskin Pants, 2 25  
Lamb Wool Shirts and Drawers, from 1 00  
White and Grey Serge Drawers, 1 25  
Grey Over Shirts 1 25  
Blue and Scarlet Shirts, Heavy Knit and Lamb Wool Socks,  
BOOTS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.  
**PIONEER**  
Wholesale and Retail  
VARIETY STORE,  
Waddington Street, Victoria, V. I.,  
ESTABLISHED, 1858.  
The undersigned would most respectfully inform his numerous Patrons and the Public in general, that he has made great alterations in his place of business, and has received large additions to his Extensive Stock, consisting in part of fine  
SHEFFIELD PLATED SPOONS, FORKS, SOUP & SAUCE LADLES, &c.,  
That would not disgrace the table of a Queen.  
Crockery Ware, of all descriptions, Stone Ware, Small Preserving Jars, Milk Pans, &c., Glass Ware, Guns, Pistols, Garden Utensils, Cross-cut Saws, Axes, Hatchets, Nails, Curry Combs, Brushes, Tin Ware, Stoves, Tubs, Buckets, Wash Boards, Hand Saws (Spear & Jackson's and Sorby's) Knives & Forks; Stubbs' Saw Files, Planes, Locks Butts, Shovels, Large and Small Vices, Anvils, and  
A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF HARDWARE.  
A Variety of Second-hand and other Goods too numerous to describe;  
All of which will be sold in quantities to suit Purchasers. Cheap, for Cash, House, Hotel Keepers and Miners fitting out, will find it to their advantage to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere.  
N.B. - Second-hand Goods Bought and Sold.  
Persons breaking up House-keeping, will find it to their interest to call on me before disposing of their Wares.  
Orders from British Columbia and Puget Sound promptly attended to; also an Assortment of the above goods can be obtained by calling at my  
BRANCH STORE ON YATES STREET, Next Door to the Deluge Engine House.  
J. P. FREEMAN.  
**GOLD SCALES!**  
Gold Scales of every size and description, of from 4 oz. weight to 128 oz., in leather bound cases and on Mahogany Stands.  
For Sale at  
**JULIUS LOEWI & CO.'S,**  
No. 12, Yates Street.  
**Gent's Furnishing Goods**  
HOSIERY, BROAD CLOTH, SILK VELVET AND VELVETINE, HON DRY GOODS, HATS, LURIN'S EXTRACT AND JOCKEY CLUB, PRIMAUX FINEST FRENCH, TAILOR'S POCKET CUTLERY, YANKEE NOTIONS, ETC.  
For sale at JULIUS LOEWI & CO.'S, No. 12, Yates Street.  
**Safes! Safes!!**  
Tilton & McFarland's newly improved Fire and Burglar Proof Safes, with and without Combination Locks. Single and double doors.  
and 1m For sale at JULIUS LOEWI & CO.'S, Agents, No. 12, Yates street.  
**QUINCY HALL**  
THE BEST, CHEAPEST AND LARGEST CLOTHING STORE IN SAN FRANCISCO,  
No. 545, 547 & 549 WASHINGTON STREET.  
**REMOVAL.**  
Has removed from his old stand on Government Street, opposite the "Colonist Office," to the Store below,  
ADJOINING MR. SEARBY'S DRUG STORE.  
I WOULD SAY TO MY CUSTOMERS THAT FROM THEIR PAST LIBERAL Patronage I feel sure of their continuance, in view of the increased inducements now held out in my New Establishment. To the Public I tender a cordial invitation to call and examine THE BEST SELECTED STOCK OF GOODS ever offered in this Market To attempt to enumerate the Stock in Trade would be superfluous in the extreme.  
**CLOTHING FOR THE MILLION!**  
Representing the most Fashionable Manufactures in England, France and America, GENTLEMEN'S UNDERCLOTHING - the finest ever imported to this city; Superior Baltic Shirts, new style; One Hundred Dozen Gent's Hose and Ladies' Hosiery; Cravats; Scarfs; Neck Ties; Linon and Paper Collars; Linon and Silk Pocket Handkerchiefs; Silk, Kid, Lisle Thread and other Gloves; White and Colored Shirts; Large Assortment of Hats and Caps; Carpet Sacks; Gaiters; Pistols; Jewelry, Musical Instruments; Blankets, &c., &c.  
The old motto strictly carried out - "Quick Sales and Small Profits."  
Do not fail to call at  
**A. BULER'S, Government St.**  
Next to Searby & Moore's Drug Store, near Fort Street.

**FIRST IN THE FIELD!**  
**MINERS STORE!**  
**SOOKE.**  
GEORGES GLADWIN  
HAS NOW ON HAND AT STEAKBOAT LANDING, at the Mouth of Sooke River, being the nearest point to the mines.  
Flour, Bacon, Lard, Butter, Cheese, Hams, Beans, and all kinds of Groceries and Provisions, Pickles, Shovels, Axes, Rockers, and all kinds of  
**MINING TOOLS,**  
Which will be sold at a small advance on Victoria prices.  
For New Westminster, Yale  
**DOUGLAS!**  
THE SPLENDID NEW STEAMER "ALEXANDRA,"  
CAPT. MOORE,  
Will LEAVE PICKETT & CO.'S WHARF For the above ports, connecting with steamer "FLYING DUTCHMAN" at the Mouth of Harrison River.  
For Freight or Passage apply to the Captain on board, or to  
PICKETT & CO.  
**BRANDEN & LEWIS**  
CIGAR TOBACCO WAREHOUSE  
414 BAY STREET VICTORIA  
**Vaughan's**  
Photographic Gallery.  
NO EXPENSE HAS BEEN SPARED to render this place superior to any other in the city, in the arrangement of the "LIGHT," that now anything known to the art can be done with it.  
**CARTES DE VISITE.**  
Six Dollars per dozen.  
Portraits on Glass according to size and quality of case.  
Best Quality, - - - \$5 to \$10  
Second Quality from - - \$1 to \$4  
A liberal deduction is made on Cards and large Photographs, where convenient for the artist. Photographs tinted in Water Colors, and no charge made for Coloring Portraits, except where extra work is required.  
JOHN WM. VAUGHAN.  
**THE**  
Bank of British Columbia  
Incorporated by Royal Charter.  
Capital, . . . . \$1,250,000  
IN 12,500 SHARES, OF \$100 EACH, WITH POWER TO INCREASE.  
**BRANCHES AND AGENTS:**  
IN VANCOUVER ISLAND, NANAIMO - Bank of British Columbia.  
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, NEW WESTMINSTER - Bank of British Columbia MOUTH QUEENSLAND - Bank of British Columbia CAMERONTOWN, CARIBOO - Bank of British Columbia  
IN THE UNITED STATES, SAN FRANCISCO. BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.  
PORTLAND, OREGON - Messrs. Leach & Tilton. NEW YORK - Messrs. Maitland, Phelps & Co.  
IN CANADA, MONTREAL - Messrs. Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.  
IN SCOTLAND, National Provincial Bank of England. North and South Wales Bank, Liverpool.  
IN IRELAND, British Linen Company Bank.  
LONDON OFFICE - 59 Lombard street.  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS opened for any amount not less than One Hundred Dollars.  
DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, bearing interest, issued for money lodged for fixed periods.  
Bills Discounted and Collected; and Bills of Exchange on Great Britain, San Francisco and New York purchased.  
Orders issued on all the Branches and Agencies; and CREDITS granted on Great Britain, San Francisco and New York, authorizing payment for goods shipped to the Colonies.  
GOVERNMENT and other SECURITIES received for safe custody; Interest and Dividends collected.  
**GOLD DUST & BARS PURCHASED.**  
Received on Deposit, or Advances made upon them.  
D. M. LAYZELL, Acting Manager.  
Victoria, August, 1864.  
**Suspension Bridge Wire.**  
ONE HUNDRED TONS OF 11 AND 12 gauge best bright Charcoal Wire, drawn in long lengths (expressly) for our own use, by the celebrated house of  
Cook Williams & Co.,  
Of Warrington, England.  
For sale here, at San Francisco, by  
A. S. HALLIDIE & CO.,  
412 Clay street.  
**L. BETTMANN,**  
DRALER IN  
OLYMPIA, W. T.  
DAY & MARTIN'S  
Real Japan Blacking!  
97 HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON.  
For affording Nourishment and Durability to the Leather it stands Unrivalled.  
Sold by all first-class Houses in the Colony in Bottles of 1 lb., 1/2 lb., and 1/4 lb. each.  
D. & M. take the opportunity of thanking purchasers against spurious imitations of their Manufacture and Label.  
Orders through Mercantile Houses, apd

**NOTICES.**  
**NOTICE.**  
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT N. Nathan Foster will act as my Agent during my absence from this Colony.  
By leaving it at  
Victoria, V. I., August 24, 1864.  
a22 1m  
**NOTICE.**  
**POLICE MESS.**  
ALL ACCOUNTS OWING BY THE Police Mess must be paid in immediately for payment or they will not be allowed. In future no articles must be supplied except by requisition signed "Treasurer of Police Mess," a22 1w  
**Lost.**  
A BROWN RETRIEVER PUP, about four months old; white mark down chest and hind feet; answers to the name of "Fido." Any person leaving the same at A. C. Airport's Cigar Store, Port Street, between Government and Broad streets, will be suitably rewarded.  
a22 1w  
**LOST.**  
A MEERCHAUM PIPE, WITH a Sterling Silver Cap and Cover. The finder will be suitably rewarded. By leaving it at  
BERNHARDT'S HOTEL, Langley street.  
a21 1w  
**NOTICE.**  
THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY cautioned against negotiating or in any way dealing with a certain promissory note for Twenty-five Hundred and Seventy-seven Dollars and thirty seven cents, drawn by Ernest R. Walker in favor of J. P. Freeman, dated April, 1864, in the sum of \$2577.75. Payment of this note will be refused as no value has been received.  
ERNEST R. WALKER.  
a21 1w  
**NOTICE.**  
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT FARM CARTER is no longer Agent for Mrs. Sarah Hobbs.  
Victoria, V. I., August 24, 1864.  
a21 1m  
**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE THIS DAY DISPOSED of my stock of HARDWARE, to Messrs FLOW & ROBERTSON, at the above address, the business heretofore at No. 20 Yates Street.  
ALFRED FELLOWS.  
August 4, 1864.  
a21 1w  
**NOTICE.**  
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE TO THE public that the co-partnership entered into between myself and Charles Bacon in the business carried on by J. P. Freeman, at the above address, is hereby dissolved, and all parties holding in their possession any property belonging to the estate will please to notify us.  
NIEL MOHRISSEN, JOHN PERKIN  
Administrators of Estate of J. P. Freeman, Esq.  
Camertown, July 24, 1864.  
a21  
**NOTICE.**  
THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm of Martin, Bellion & Co., at Westport, in Victoria, V. I., is this day dissolved, and the business of the said firm will be paid by George Martin, to whom all accounts must be paid.  
GEORGE MARTIN.  
Victoria, August 24, 1864.  
a21  
**SOOKE GOLDMINES.**  
**Alley & Co.,**  
FORKS OF Sooke and Leech Rivers,  
**No. 1, KENNEDY FLAT,**  
DEALERS IN  
**GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, HARDWARE, &c., &c.**  
WHOLESALE & RETAIL. a21 1w  
**SOOKE AND LEECH RIVERS, No. 2, Kennedy Flat,**  
DEALER IN  
**WINE S, SPIRITS, ALES, CIGARS, &c., &c.**  
a21 1w  
**SOOKE and Leech River MINES.**  
**W. Ward & Co.,**  
SOOKE MINES.  
REG TO STATE TO MINERS AND Travelers that they can now be supplied with  
**Provisions, Wines and Spirits,**  
At moderate charges, at the  
**PIONEER STORE, LEECH RIVER,**  
(200 yards from the Forks). a21 1m  
**Ex "D. M. HALL"**  
1000 bxs Fresh Raisins, Ex Admiral, from Malaga.  
12 qr. sks very Fine London Club Sherry.  
For Sale by  
DICKSON, CAMPBELL & CO.  
Victoria, V. I., July 6th, 1864.  
a21  
**Hay and Oats**  
**FOR SALE,**  
BY  
R. BRODRICK,  
UNION WHARF.  
a21

**GROCERIES.**  
**LOWE BROTHERS,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS  
AND IMPORTERS OF  
Groceries and Provisions  
-ALSO-  
Importers and Agents for the best brands of French Wines and Liquors, and are constantly in receipt of direct shipments of Havana Cigars.  
**REID'S BLOCK, WHARF STREET.**  
**GOLDSTONE & BRO.**  
AGENTS FOR THE  
Pioneer Flour Mills,  
COMMISSION MERCHANT  
Importers and Wholesale Dealer in GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, Dry Goods, Clothing, BOOTS AND SHOES, Etc., Etc., &c., &c.  
Wharf street, Victoria, V. I.  
**WATCHES AND CHRONOMETERS**  
JEWELRY MADE TO ORDER,  
CLEANED AND REPAIRED.  
WATSON & ROMBERG  
WATCH-MAKERS  
AND ENGRAVERS  
Yates Street, above Gov't. m.  
**WATCHES**  
-FROM THE BEST-  
English, American, and German Factories,  
HEAVILY CASED IN SAN FRANCISCO, including some fine heavy cased Ladies Watches.  
SILVERWARE, of new and beautiful designs, warranted gold fine.  
Diamond and Plain and Fancy fine Gold Jewelry of every description  
**SOOKE DIGGINGS.**  
**MINERS**  
ON THEIR WAY TO THE DIGGINGS  
WILL FIND A  
CAREFULLY ASSORTED STOCK  
OF  
Ales, Wines, Liquors, etc.  
-AT-  
Thompson's Landing,  
**SOOKE INLET,**  
Which will be supplied to their Customers  
-AT A-  
Slight Advance on Victorians  
-BY-  
**ELLIOTT, STUART & CO.**  
BANK OF  
BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.  
ESTABLISHED IN 1836, AND INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.  
Paid-up Capital - - - \$5,000,000.  
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DINNER TO GEN McDOWELL.

A large and respectable company of American citizens and their guests, sat down to dinner last evening at the Hotel de France, in honor of the distinguished visitor, Major General Edwin McDowell. Amongst those present were the illustrious General and his Staff, consisting of Lieut.-Col. Keeney, Medical Inspector, Captain Haven and Cutting, aides-de-camp, Captain Elliott, Engineer Corps, Capt. Sullivan, Chief Commissary, and Captain Hoyt, Quartermaster, their Excellencies Governors Kennedy and Pickering, Judge Cameron, the Colonial Secretary, Lt. Col. H.M.S. Sutley, Lt. Scammon, and officers of the U. S. S. Suburbi, and a number of American and English citizens.

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THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Wednesday Morning, August 24, 1864.

ANALYSIS OF THE DAY.

DUNCAN & GEORGE, will sell at auction, on Friday, at 11 o'clock, Dry Goods, consisting of Belles Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Shirts, Jackets, Dresses, Trimmings, Ladies' Under Clothing, etc., also 400 volumes Books, Crochery and Glassware, etc.

FOR THE PORT.—The bark D.M. Hall, and the brig Frankland, were on the berth at latest date. The bark Frankland, from the West Coast, arrived at 10 o'clock, and the bark Frankland, from the West Coast, arrived at 10 o'clock.

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